

The Society then proceeded to the stated business of the meeting,—the consideration of the proposed amendments to the Laws of the Society,—and resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Judge Kane in the chair, for the purpose of considering the said amendments.

After some time the Committee rose, and the Chairman reported the draft submitted to them, with sundry amendments, which report was agreed to;—and it was then ordered that the further consideration of the amendments be postponed until the next stated meeting of the Society.

Stated Meeting, February 18.

Present, seventeen members.

JUDGE KANE, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Letters were read:—

From the Hon. John P. Kennedy, dated Washington, Feb. 5, 1853, acknowledging the receipt of notice of his election to membership of this Society:—

From the Royal Academy of Sciences at Stockholm, dated Oct. 30, 1852; and from the Royal Society of Sciences at Upsal, without date,—accompanying donations to this Society,—and acknowledging the receipt of Transactions and Proceedings:—

From the Connecticut Historical Society, dated Hartford, August 14, 1852; from Col. H. K. Craig, dated Ordnance Office, Washington, Feb. 9, 1853; from Wm. B. Reed, Esq. at the request of Lord Mahon, dated Feb. 16;—announcing donations for the Library:—

From the American Antiquarian Society, dated Worcester, Mass. Feb. 8, 1853; and from the New Jersey Historical Society, dated Newark, Feb. 12, 1853,—returning thanks for No. 48 of the Proceedings: and—

From Mr. George Parish, dated Ogdensburg, N. Y. 13th Feb. 1853, acknowledging the receipt of the two medals forwarded to him by the Society, as directed at the last meeting.

The following donations were announced :—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

- Acta Regiæ Societatis Scientiarum Upsaliensis. 3d Series. Vol. I.
Part 1, 1851. Upsal. 4to.—*From the Society.*
- Kongl. Vetenskaps—Akademiens Handlingar, för år 1850. Afd. 1,
2. Stockholm, 1851.—8vo.—*From the Royal Academy of Sci-
ences at Stockholm.*
- Öfversigt af Kongl. Vetenskaps—Akademiens Förhandlingar, 1851.
Stockholm. 8vo.—*From the same.*
- Arsberättelse om Framstegen i Kemi, under år 1849; af L. F. Svan-
berg.
- „ om Botaniska Arbeten, &c. för år 1849; af J. E.
Wikström.
- „ om Framstegen i Insecternas, &c. för år 1849, 1850; af
C. H. Boheman.
- „ om Technologiens Framsteg, 1847, 1848, 1849; af J.
E. Pasch.
- Berättelse om Framstegen Molluskernas, &c. under åren 1845—
1849; af S. Loven.
- „ om Framstegen i Fysik, under år 1850; af E. Edlund.—
From the same.
- Mittlere Oerter von 12,000 Fix—Sternen, für den Anfang von 1836,
abgeleitet aus den Beobachtungen auf der Hamburger Stern-
warte, von Carl Rümker. 3 Abth. die 13 bis 18 stunde enthal-
tend: 4 Abth. erste hälfte, 18 bis 21 stunde: 2 hälfte, 22 und
23 stunde elthaltend. Hamburg, 1846, 1849, 1852. 4to.—
From the Author.
- Verhandelingen der Eerste Klasse van het Koninklyk—Nederland-
sche Instituut van Wetenschappen, Letterkunde en Schoonen
Kunsten te Amsterdam. Derde Reeks. 5 Deel. Amsterdam,
1852. 4to.—*From the Royal Netherlands Institute of Sci-
ence, &c.*
- Tijdschrift voor de Wis—en Natuurkundige Wetenschappen, uitge-
geven door de Eerste Klasse van het Koninklyk Nederlandsche
Instituut, &c. V. Deel. Afl. 1, 2, 3. Amsterdam, 1851–2.
8vo.—*From the same.*
- Jaarboek van het Koninklyk Nederlandsche Instituut, &c. voor
1851. Amsterdam. 8vo.—*From the same.*
- Memorie della Reale Academia delle Scienze di Torino. Serie Se-

- conda. Tomo XII. Torino, 1852. 4to.—*From the Royal Academy of Sciences at Turin.*
- Journal of the Royal Geographical Society of London. Vol. XXII. London, 1852. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- Notices of the Meetings of the Members of the Royal Institution of Great Britain: Part 2. July, 1851—July, 1852. And List of the Members, Officers, &c. of the Royal Institution, with the Report of the Visitors, for the year 1851. London. 8vo.—*From the Royal Institution.*
- Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society. Vol. XIII. No. 1. Nov. 12, 1852. London. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- Quarterly Journal of the Chemical Society. No. XIX. Oct. 1852. London. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- Proceedings of the Boston Society of Natural History. Dec. 1852. Boston. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut, from 1636 to 1677. 2 vols. 8vo. Transcribed and published in accordance with a Resolution of the General Assembly. By J. Hammond Trumbull, A.M. Cor. Sec. Conn. Hist. Society, &c. &c. Hartford, 1850, 1852.—*From the Connecticut Historical Society.*
- Tribute to Gallaudet: A Discourse in commemoration of the Life, Character and Services of the Rev. Thomas H. Gallaudet, LL.D. delivered before the citizens of Hartford, Jan. 7, 1852: With an Appendix, containing a History of Deaf Mute Instruction and Institutions,—and other Documents. By Henry Barnard. Hartford. 1852, 8vo.—*From the same.*
- Smithsonian Contributions to Knowledge.—Memoir on the Extinct Species of American Ox. By Joseph Leidy, M.D. Washington, 1852. 4to.—*From the Smithsonian Institution.*
- Journal of the Franklin Institute. Third Series. Vol. XXV. No 2. Feb. 1853. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Institute.*
- Letter to Jared Sparks, Esq. being a Rejoinder to his "Reply to the Strictures of Lord Mahon and others, on the mode of editing the Writings of Washington." By Lord Mahon. London, 1852. 8vo.—*From the Author.*
- Artillery for the U. S. Land Service, as devised and arranged by the Ordnance Board. With Plates. Prepared under the instructions of the Board of Ordnance; by Brevet Major Alfred Mordecai, of the Ordnance Department. Washington, 1849.—*From Col. H. K. Craig, U. S. Army.*

Official Army Register, for 1853. Published by order of the Secretary of War. Washington, 1853.—*From Major Hartman Bache.*

The Medical News and Library. Vol. XI. No. 122. Feb. 1853. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From Blanchard & Lea.*

Eighteenth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, to the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia; Jan. 28, 1853. 8vo.—*From F. Fraley, Esq.*

The Astronomical Journal, No. 53. Feb. 11, 1853. Cambridge. 4to.—*From Dr. B. A. Gould, jr., Editor.*

Mr. Trego announced the death of Mr. William Peter, a member of this Society, who died on the 6th inst., in the 64th year of his age:—And, on motion, Mr. Job R. Tyson was appointed to prepare an obituary notice of Mr. Peter.

The Society then proceeded to the stated business of the meeting, which was the consideration of the amendments proposed to the Laws of the Society,—the requisite notice to this effect having been given in the advertisements of the meeting.

A paper was read from the President of the Society, proposing amendments to the amendments.

A motion was made that the amendments be recommitted to the committee, which was not agreed to.

A motion was then made, that the further consideration of the subject be postponed to the next stated meeting of the Society, and that due notice to that effect be given by advertisement,—which motion was agreed to.

Stated Meeting, March 4.

Present, thirteen members.

DR. FRANKLIN BACHE, President, in the Chair.

Letters were read:—

From the Secretary of l'Ecole des Mines, dated Paris, 2d Oct. 1852, accompanying a donation to this Society, and acknowledging the receipt of several numbers of the Proceedings:—